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he describes his everyday experiences, in the course of his association with native workmen, doing his digging work, with oriental guides and headmen, and with other experts of different nationalities, engaged in similar pursuits. A typical example of his very unusual and very peculiar style may be seen in the following passage. "This very name Mosul has given title to a weaver's stuff, for among strange word-pedigrees muslin holds high rank, that dominies may muse on its descent. For, as saith the learned Marco Polo, it was first manufactured here, inheriting the name Mussolino or Mousseline; and yet Mosul is but the Arabic Mawsil, which the Arabs, in their simpleness, think to mean 'the place of arrival,' not wotting that Xenophon had known the name Mespila, long before Arabic had ousted its cousin languages. But this place Mespila, when Xenophon speaks of it, was already a waste; perhaps the inhabitants of its departed glories told him in their Assyrian tongue that Mushpalu meant a 'low-lying spot.' But alack! the weaving of these cloths has ceased, driven out by the Joseph-coloured plagues of Manchester.''

The finest piece of writing in the diary is the description of Rawlinson's deciphering of the inscription of the Persian King Darius at Behistun. The writer holds a strong brief for the manhood and valor of the ancient Persians against the charges of effeminacy and cowardice, brought against them by their Greek foes, and inculcated by the average, classical teacher in his lessons to the average schoolboy. An appended "envoy" forms a sort of preposterous preface to the work.

David H. Buell.

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